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**INQUIRY INTO CLOSURE OF THE CRONULLA  
FISHERIES RESEARCH CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE**

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Cronulla Fisheries Research Centre is the birthplace of fisheries science in Australia, it has a long and distinguished history of scientific contribution to Australia and should be regarded and maintained by NSW as an important national research centre. Additionally it is a locally respected institution that has become a scientific hub. The purpose built fisheries research laboratories are not available at any of the proposed relocation sites; and it would cost millions of dollars to duplicate at another site. Closing this site and relocating all the staff, especially the researches to poorly substituted alternatives undermines the research and money already committed to this site.